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I would like to take a moment to stress the importance of stations like KLOVE and AIR1 Christian radio. These stations offer a variety of programming and services that is an important niche in radio. I enjoy the music, availability of pastors and counselors for prayer, and news from an alternate prospective. I believe the regulations you are considering would hinder free speech for these stations. What controls are you considering in your legislation that will ensure that the community board of directors will not violate free speech rights by censoring station content or imposing content that differs from the core values of the station? Further, if additional staffing is required, it would create an overwhelming strain on small branches of these stations. In rural and economically depressed areas like the Mississippi Delta, where I am from, the local KLOVE station struggles to stay on the air, even though the content is important to area listeners. Additional staffing would impose an undue burden to the station. Thank you for considering these thoughts.

Sincerely,  
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